

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.95
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Doane, Joshua - Brewer, Joel House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	440 Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	12-009
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1780
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified



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## FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number

95

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

s 440 Nauset Road

ic Name Doane-Brewer House

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction Between 1768 &amp; 1799

See Bibliography\*

Form 3/4 Cape Cod House Form

ect/Builder

or Material:

Foundation Brick and Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shingles

 Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
 Garage/Shed/Summer House, Garden House

 Major Alterations (with dates)  
 See Architectural Description.

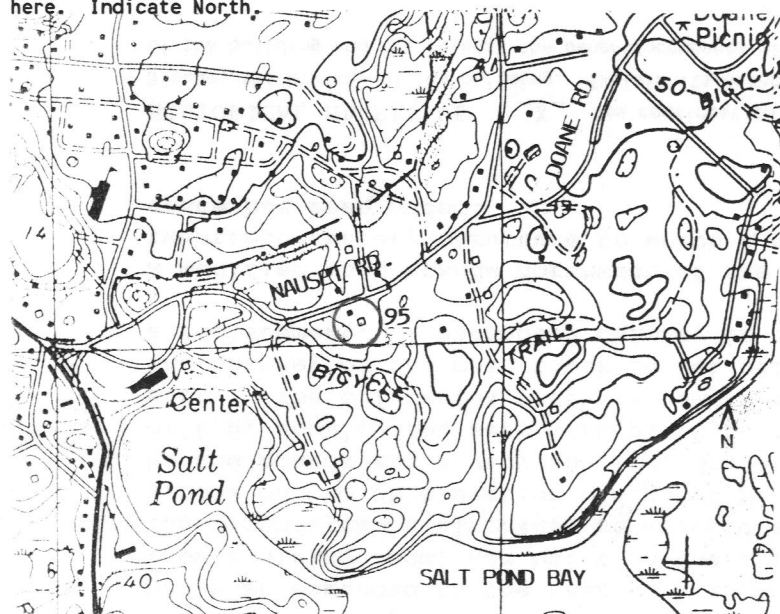
Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 4.42 Acres

 Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
 rural area near Nauset Marsh.

here. Indicate North.



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 and Sanford Johnson  
 Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

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## BUILDING FORM

440 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, 4 x 3 bay house-and-a-half (or 3/4 house) Cape Cod dwelling has been expanded to the rear with a long ell added in 2 parts. The first (now a dining room) was built in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The second, now a kitchen, was erected at the turn of the century. The bay window on the NE elevation was added between 1888 and 1927. Detail is limited to end boards and a very shallow, boxed plain cornice. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim; 2/2 sash is utilized on the second story. The off-center entry is comprised of a 6-panel door with plain trim. The chimney of the main block is set off center on the ridge line is a replacement. A secondary chimney is centered on the rear ell.

A modified shed stands northwest of the house. It appears to be an early twentieth-century structure to which a cross gable incorporating residential space has been added.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

According to research performed by a former owner, Laurence T. Bliss, 440 Nauset Road was built between 1768 and 1799 by Joshua Doane. It is one of several Doane houses built along the northern end of Nauset Marsh. By 1828, Randall (also Randol) Doane owned the house and on July 12, 1836, sold half interests to both Noah Doane and to Joel Brewer (Bk. 323 Pg's. 143 and 395). The site appears to be occupied on the 1831 Hales map and is flanked by two other buildings. Noah was lost at sea and his interest was transferred to Russell Doane, who in 1856 sold to Joel Brewer. It was probably Brewer who added the dining room ell sometime in the mid nineteenth century. The 1858 Walling map, however, does not indicate any one named Brewer in the vicinity. The 1880 Walker map shows J. Brewer as resident. Brewer retained his full interest in the property until his death in 1879 or 1880. His wife Thankful Brewer subsequently gained ownership which was inherited in 1886 by Suzie M. (Baker) Herrick, as the only surviving family member.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

  X   Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Suzie M. Herrick sold to Nathan P. Clark two years later. It was probably Clark who added the kitchen ell in approximately 1890. Clark was listed in the 1901 resident directory as a farmer and was also a selectman. He is listed as a farmer in the 1907 county map. He retained the property until 1927 when it was purchased by Antone P. Escobar who sold in 1940 to Guy B. St. John.

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Garage, 440 Nauset Road (EAS. 95)

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Community: Eastham  
Property Address: 440 Nauset Road

Area Form No. 95

**National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement**

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The property at 440 Nauset Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest examples of the 3/4 Cape Cod house form (house and a half) in Eastham. It is also significant as one of several houses built along the northern end of Nauset Marsh by members of the Doane family, descendants of John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham).



Original yellow form: Eligibility file \_\_\_\_\_  
Copies: Inventory form \_\_\_\_\_  
Town file(w/corresp.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Macris \_\_\_\_\_  
NR director \_\_\_\_\_

Community: Eastham

**MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual \_\_\_\_\_ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Doane-Brewer House Inventory Form: 95

Address: 440 Nauset Road

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor \_\_\_\_\_ ITC \_\_\_\_\_ Grant \_\_\_\_\_ R & C \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff in charge of Review: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES**

\_\_\_\_ Eligible  
\_\_\_\_ Eligible, also in district  
\_\_\_\_ Eligible only in district  
\_\_\_\_ Ineligible  
X More information needed

**DISTRICTS**

\_\_\_\_ Eligible  
\_\_\_\_ Ineligible  
\_\_\_\_ More information needed

CRITERIA: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D

LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ Local \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Mark Verkennis

Additional information is needed to evaluate the significance of the Doane Brewer House. Although the inventory form indicates the property is one of the oldest examples of a 3/4 Cape Cod house in Eastham, additional information is needed to assess its integrity. Photographic documentation showing the long rear ell (ca. 1850 - 1875, and ca. 1900), and the bay window on the northeast elevation would be useful, along with any other building alterations or additions, and their dates.